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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the WUENS DORF Area

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1. Kasernes in the WUENS DORF (N 53/2 91) area were occupied as follows: on 9 July 1949:

a. Former Lutz Kaserne: Occupied to capacity by tank units of 1,500 to 2,000 troops. About 20 "T 34/85" and "JS" tanks and about 60 trucks were in four garages.

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b. Former "Tank Instruction Bn" Kaserne and former Panzer Schule: Tank units of about two thousand troops. Additional units of about one thousand troops left the quartering area in late June and early July 1949. to participate in maneuvers allegedly held in the MAGDEBURG (N 53/Y 60) area. **

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c. Former Sport Schule south of Zehrendorfer Strasse: Occupied to capacity by about five hundred tank and artillery troops. No tanks or motor vehicles were seen in the kaserne area. A general was billeted in the adjacent building.

d. Former Hindenburg Kaserne: Occupied to capacity by about one thousand artillery troops. About twenty-five 76.2-mm antitank guns and as many trucks were observed in the kaserne area.

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e. Former Cambrai Kaserne: Occupied to capacity by about 1,500 tank troops. About 25 "T 34/85" and "JS" tanks and about 50 trucks were sheltered in four garages.

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g. About twelve thousand troops were located in the WUENS DORF area according to local residents. ****

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** Comment: According to the above report, the 19th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Shock Army was still located in its quarters in early July 1949, except for a tank unit of one thousand troops which was said to have left for maneuvers in the MAGDEBURG area (Letzling death?) in late June and early July 1949. This information is considered credible. Component units of the division participated in command-post exercises in the Letzling death in the summer of 1948. From the report it is concluded that troops stationed in WUENS DORF did not participate in the maneuvers in the FUERSTENWALDE-STORKOW area which started in July 1949.

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**** Comment: Most of the soldiers observed in the WUENS DORF area were very young, presumably belonging to the 1927 thru 1930 classes. The NCOs, most of whom wore war decorations, were about 25 to 35 years old. In comparison with the number of enlisted men, there was a noticeably large number of officers.

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Comment: According to numerous reliable reports, the 19th Gds Mecz Div of the Third Shock Army is located in the WUENS DORF area. The reported total of twelve thousand troops stationed in the WUENS DORF area is considered credible. The estimates concerning the age of the SM and NCOs are also considered correct.

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